



Brampton Abbotts CE Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 18th January 2018

Diary Dates

February 2018

- **Friday 2nd**
Parents' Celebration Assembly
- **Monday 12th**
SING! Event, Birmingham – Donaldson Class
- **Mon 19th – Fri 23rd**
HALF-TERM
- **Monday 26th**
Parents E-Safety Talk – Mark Sanderson – 2.30pm in hall
- **Tuesday 27th**
Gilbert & Sullivan Trip: Rowling Class

Our Value for January:
Determination

Welcome Back to the Spring Term!

It always surprises me how quickly things get 'back to normal' after the busyness of the Christmas period at the end of the Autumn Term. We are already into our 2nd full-week of school and it feels like we have never been away (to me anyway!).

You'll be pleased to hear that our phone messaging service is finally back up and working. We have recorded a new message with the children. Tiffany-Leigh has recorded the main message, whilst Freddie from Class 4 has recorded the other 2 absence messages. This means that you can do the following things when you call the school phone number (01989 562256):

1. Press 1 – to report your child's absence – this can be done at any point day or night and will be picked up on the morning after you have left the message.
2. Press 2 – to speak directly to the office – if this isn't picked up you will be able to leave a message.

NB You do not have to wait for the whole recorded message to play each time before pressing your desired option. This makes it quicker to get to the destination you need quicker.

Whole School Attendance

Whole school attendance target this year: **96%**

Last year (2016-2017) we only achieved 94.5%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.91% (DATE: 16.1.18)

Class Attendance (up to and inc. 15.1.18)

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| Inkpen Class: 95.05% | Ahlberg Class 96.63% |
| Donaldson Class: 95.21% | Rowling Class: 97.53% |
| Dahl Class: 95.3 % | |

Congratulations to Rowling Class for the best attendance of the year to date (3 months running!).

Healthy Snacks

You will have no doubt been aware of recent press coverage of the recommended amounts of sugar and salt in children's diets. With this in mind, we ask all parents/carers to consider the types of snacks they are including in lunchboxes and also providing for break times. Further guidance on the types of snacks that are suitable can be found at: <http://bit.ly/2Cwlvnt>

Pupil Attendance Policy

As you will know, we updated our school policy fully last year. A copy of the full policy can be found on our school website, but it is important to make you aware of the updates to ensure that we are in-line with government protocols:

1. **Reporting Absence** – All parents/carers are asked to notify school on each day of absence, and are encouraged to keep school informed about re-attendance for the period of the absence. This can be done in person, by telephone or in a written note to the school office or via the child's class teacher.
2. **First Day Calling** – We call parents/carers on the morning of first absence if we have not received a reason for absence.
3. **Monitoring Attendance** – The Head will monitor school attendance on a regular basis. He will ensure that attendance figures are in line with school targets set nationally.
4. **Authorised Holiday** – It is unlikely that the school will be able to authorise any amount of holiday taken during the school term. However, please inform the school should you be planning to take your child out of school for any period of time. A planned absence request form is available to download from our website or from the school office.
5. **Unauthorised Leave** – If this is taken after the school has refused authorisation and the absence reaches 5 days or more within an academic year, the Local Authority will be notified and may issue a penalty notice per parent, per child of £60.

Thank you in advance for helping to support good attendance in school. Our attendance last year was only 94% - this was below the National Average of 96%. Our aim is to achieve 96% this year. Without your help this will not happen!

Spring Gate Nursery- Stay and Play Session

Every Wednesday – during term time – from 2pm to 3pm

Held in Brampton Abbotts School hall, please enter through the nursery.

Everyone welcome to join in. Cost : £1 per child – no need to book
Suitable for children from newborn to 4years, pre-school.
